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Patent claims

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- 1. A contact piece of a contact arrangement for the purpose of interrupting a current in a distribution system having a contact carrier (8) which has a hollow-cylindrical wall section (9) and a base wall (10) and having a contact disk (1) which lies opposite the base wall (10) in a longitudinal direction, slots (2) being provided for the purpose of producing a magnetic field,
- 10 characterized in that
  the rims of the slots (2) have rounded-off edges (3) having a
  defined radius.
  - The contact piece as claimed in claim 1,
- 15 characterized in that the radius R is set as a function of the voltage of the distribution system U in accordance with the rule on dimensions:

$$R \ge 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot U^2 + 8.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot U + 0.34$$

- 20 where U has the unit kilovolts and R has the unit millimeters.
  - 3. The contact piece as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the slots (2) have slot ends (4) in the form of a rounded hole (5, 6).
- The contact piece as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the diameter of the rounded hole (6) is in the region of a slot 30 width of the slots (2).
  - 5. The contact piece as claimed in either of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that

the slots (2) have rectangular slot ends (7).

- 6. The contact piece as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
- 5 characterized in that the slots (2) are provided in the wall section (9) and are inclined with respect to the longitudinal direction.
- 7. The contact piece as claimed in one of the preceding 10 claims, characterized in that the slots (2) are formed in the contact disk (1).
- 8. The contact piece as claimed in one of the preceding 15 claims, characterized in that the slots (2) are provided in the base wall (10).